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Get Ready.

"If the half-and-half arrangement is at any time to be repealed or radically modified this drastic action should not be taken through the medium of a rider on an appropriation bill, but after the thorough and careful consideration which should characterize the alteration of fundamental law. The organic act with its compromises, its balances, its offsetting of equities, is an integral whole; and when the time comes to change it radically the substitute for it should also be complete, rounded and balanced in all its parts; and its framers in molding it should give to all the equities of the parties concerned the same wise and fair consideration that was given by the statesmen of the last century in their four years' labor of framing the organic act and establishing the half-and-half principle."

Congress has acted along the line of the above suggestion of The Star. The Senate has adopted the House proposition of a joint committee to study the relations of nation and capital and to report to Congress what in their opinion justice and equity to both parties demand in respect to such relations. This community has entire confidence that this joint committee will be so formed as to constitute either an unbiased or a justly balanced tribunal, which will assure a square deal to both parties. The District is to have the opportunity which it desired to present its case. The Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Citizens' Associations, committee of one hundred and other public-spirited citizens, organized or unorganized, should begin promptly and vigorously to co-operate with one another and with the District Commissioners in preparing the case of Washington in its fullness for presentation to this tribunal.

Forcing the Dardanelles.

With the advance of the French and English fleets through a third of the Dardanelles comes the expectation that the supposedly impregnable Turkish defenses along the southern water approach to the capital will be eventually forced, with the certain result of the fall of Constantinople itself. It is understood that a Russian fleet is waiting in the Black sea for an attack upon the Bosphorus at the moment of greatest effectiveness, and thus the preparations of the Turkish government for flight into Asia would seem to be fully justified. In this connection is an interesting report that the porte has ignored German suggestions to the effect that Adrianople should be chosen as the capital in the event of removal. Inasmuch as the bulk of the Turkish army is in Asia it would seem to be only logical for the government, in flight, to move in that direction rather than to separate itself from its fighting force by a strip of land and sea occupied by the enemy.

The effect of the fall of Constantinople following the forcing of the Dardanelles is certain to be momentous. Russian wheat will thereby find an outlet, to the great relief of England and France, while Russia will be enabled to obtain urgently needed munitions of war. The forcing of a way to the Black sea means the opening of a back door for the enemies of Germany and Austria which cannot fail to be of the greatest value. Whether this will mean the future occupation of Constantinople by Russia rests upon the outcome of the war. In London the other day Sir Edward Grey announced that this has been taken to mean that there is clear understanding between London and Petrograd respecting the adjustment following the war in event of victory, to the end of giving Russia access to the Mediterranean. Thus the guns that are thundering now at the Dardanelles forts are smashing more than the walls of those defenses. They are tearing down a tradition that has been one of the dominating factors of the European situation for many years past.

The inevitable tendency of the American to bring up the dollar as an essential consideration is not without its advantage to Belgians.

Roosevelt and Barnes.

Theodore Roosevelt has just filed a bill of particulars in the suit William Barnes, jr., has brought against him for libel. The case will be tried at an early day, with eminent counsel appearing. Two very interesting points are involved, likely to receive wide attention—political bossism, and how the game of politics is played in New York.

As to bossism, both plaintiff and defendant are under charges, so to say. Mr. Barnes has long been known in popular discussion as Boss Barnes, while Mr. Roosevelt, in all the offices, including the presidency,

he has held, has shown what his opponents have described as the boss spirit and temperament. Boss meeting boss, therefore, should provide a stirring tug of war.

As to New York politics, when has it not been both a wonder and a puzzle to outside observers? It is famous—the country over. It has been eulogized by experts and lamented by amateurs. To play the game in New York has required skill of the highest order. Local leaders by their performances at home have achieved national, and even international, reputation. Thomas C. Platt was known far and wide before he reached the Senate, while Richard Croker, who has never held any but a parochial office, is known abroad as well as at home wherever American politics is discussed.

This case, soon to be tried at Syracuse, is a sort of family row. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Barnes were for years on terms of the closest personal and political intimacy. They worked together for political results in New York, and rejoiced together when successful. In fact, when Mr. Roosevelt was President Mr. Barnes held federal office under him, and enjoyed his perfect confidence.

But "the sad hour of parting" struck when Mr. Roosevelt, after leaving the White House, attempted to take charge of the republican organization in New York state preliminary to a move to return to the White House. The republican was "shading" off into the bull mooser, and Mr. Barnes, noticing the change in his friend, refused to "shade" with him. At Chicago in 1912, Mr. Barnes, who was a delegate to the republican national convention, was one of the leaders of the anti-Roosevelt contest, which resulted in the bolting by Mr. Roosevelt of the convention's ticket and heading a ticket of his own.

Since then the two men, once so fond of each other, and familiar with each other's curves, have drawn further and further apart until they have landed in court, with a complaint by the one and a bill of particulars by the other. A sad story, mates, if ever there was one.

If Charles Becker can prolong his case a few years he may get the benefit of laws resulting from the strong opposition to capital punishment now asserting itself.

Paris is placing stricter restraint on the sale of intoxicating beverages. The once gay French capital has become one of the most serious of communities.

Kansas railways admit they have made a profit with a two-cent-a-mile passenger rate. Kansas has always insisted on being different.

It must be admitted that there never was a time when taxes were not considered too high by the people who paid them.

A system of selling eggs by weight will create a demand for hens that waste as little material as possible on the shell.

Europe is not congratulating itself on events that have put an end to the ordinary forms of dueling in France and Germany.

It is now regarded as unfortunate that the ground hog prophecy should be limited to six weeks.

An Extra Session.

After all, the latest report has it, there will be an extra session of the new Congress. October 1 is suggested as meeting day. By that arrangement the regular session can be shortened, and adjournment reached next year in good time for the national conventions. May 1 or 15 should see the tables cleared, and the record complete for use in the drafting of the national platforms. This, however, will, of course, be subject to change. If an earlier day should become necessary because of developments of the war, Congress can, and will, be convened at once. Some things remain which Congress alone can do.

The objection to a spring session rested largely upon the assertion that business wanted, and needed, a rest. As the argument ran, after two years under the knife—tariff, currency, trusts—business must be released, for a time at least, from the operating table and allowed a recuperating spell.

Will six months suffice? The surgeons do not announce that the patient is cured. On the contrary, they declare that something more is necessary, and that they will keep their cold steel on edge for further use.

Meanwhile we have a new record on handling the supply bills. They can be passed while you wait. At an earlier day the short session of Congress was devoted largely to those measures. They were both prepared and debated with care. The work done behind closed doors in committees was examined thoroughly in open House and Senate. Nothing was taken on trust, or for granted.

This time, however, the committees have been "the whole thing." Debate in the House has been restricted by gag rule, while in the Senate the supply bills have been held back until the eleventh hour. Economy has been quite lost in the shuffle, and the great question of adequate provision for the national defense slighted or ridiculed. But, for better or for worse, the work of the Sixty-third Congress is closing. A few more days, and then the end. A good deal has been done, but the value of the greater part is in dispute. In a flash came the war and changed conditions everywhere. In a business way we were caught

in the swirl, and are still in it. Nor can we escape while the war lasts.

The new Congress is full of new blood, and what it will do with the questions that confront it is a problem. It could have been set to work at once, and there were good reasons why it should have been.

President Canby of the Chicago Board of Trade says he does not know how to reckon the man to whom a cent more or less in the cost of a loaf of bread makes a difference. Yet he is the one on whom the profit or loss must finally depend.

It has been hinted that the number of generals captured in war is not as large as might be expected. Possibly private soldiers are preferred as prisoners owing to the greater expense required for the maintenance in captivity of generals.

It has been calculated that New York city pays 70 per cent of the money required to run New York state. However, many of the men to whom the money is paid head straight for New York city to put it in circulation again.

Judge Gary refers to the present as an era of indiscriminate criticism. The steel interest should not follow the tendency of art to lay all the blame for bad business on the critics.

The theory of Mr. Leiter that speculation makes cheaper wheat probably applies to the price after a corner has gone to smash.

An old-time pilot is not much use in waters abounding in modern war explosives.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

The Bottom of the Ladder.

"In politics," said Senator Sorghum, "you must begin at the bottom of the ladder."

"In what manner?"

"Well, as a rule, the first thing you do is to shake the ladder in an effort to dislodge the fellows ahead of you."

Nonscience.

"Oh, what is that?" the small boy cried.

"It is a horse," his pa replied.

"It used to be employed to race. Or carry folks from place to place. In fact, the horse is something like the motor which now rules the pike. This difference, though, the horse reveals.

He runs on feet instead of wheels."

A Sense of Regret.

"It was a great move the Russians made in abolishing vodka."

"Yes," replied the man who is never happy; "only it seems to me they have gotten rid of about the only word in their language that is easy to pronounce."

"Ef bread costs six cents a loaf," said Uncle Eben, "a man wif a chunk of strawberry shortcake mus' feel like a millionaire."

Prediction and Practice.

"Biggins regards himself as a great weather prophet."

"Yes. But he has to ask for the loan of an umbrella now and then the same as anybody else."

An Awakening.

We had a reformation down to Pohl's on the Crick.

We thought at first our town was most superior to Old Nick. We had shunned the various follies, not to mention real crimes, Till suddenly we kind o' felt we was behind the times.

We hoped that he'd improve our moral status, more or less. An' 'bout him our lecture on our general worthlessness.

He called us awful sinners an' abused us right an' left; His style was most excitin', though it wasn't very dext.

He said our checker players was a lot of gambler folks. An' 'bout him our lecture on our general worthlessness.

He said he'd wake us up. We must admit he done the trick. 'Cause we're feeling real sporty down to Pohl's on the Crick.

In Peace Prepare for War.

From George Washington's Fifth Annual Address, 1793.

"I cannot recommend to your notice measures for the fulfillment of our duties to the rest of the world without again pressing upon you the necessity of placing ourselves in a condition of complete defense and of exacting from them the fulfillment of their duties toward us. The United States ought not to indulge a persuasion that, contrary to the order of human events, they will ever keep at a distance those painful appeals to arms with which the history of every other nation abounds."

"Nor can such arrangements, with such objects, be exposed to the censure or jealousy of the warm friends of republicanism."

Navy as Only Defense of Neutrals. From George Washington's Eighth Annual Address, 1796.

"To an active external commerce the protection of a naval force is indispensable. This is manifest with regard to wars in which a state is itself a party. But besides this, it is in our own experience that the most powerful instrumentality is not a sufficient guard against the depredations of nations at war. To secure respect to a neutral flag requires a naval force organized and ready to vindicate it from insult or aggression. This may be prevented by the necessity of going to war by discouraging belligerent powers from committing such violations of the rights of a neutral party as may, first or last, leave no option."

SALE OF DOMESTICS

12 1/2c Androscoggin Cotton, 7 1/2c 36-inch Androscoggin Cotton. The original goods, bearing the original ticket or label. Owing to the extreme lowness of the price we limit quantity to 10 yards. Regular 12 1/2c value. Tomorrow 7 1/2c

12 1/2c Percales, 8 1/2c 36-inch New Percales, in all the various stripes, for house dresses and blouse waists. Regular 12 1/2c value. Tomorrow 8 1/2c

25c Domestic Longcloth, 15c 36-inch Domestic Longcloth. Lansburgh & Bro. special 36-inch Domestic Longcloth, for women's and children's underwear. This is an excellent quality, sheer and soft, and does not split. Regular 25c quality, at... 15c

CLOVER & TUESDAY 9 to 12 O'CLOCK SPECIALS

No Mail, Phone or C. O. D. Orders Filled

Boys' \$1.50 All-wool Pants. BOYS' GUARANTEED ALL-WOOL. BLUE, RED, GREEN, KNICKERBOCKERS, full lined, all sizes. From 9 to 12 o'clock. Third Floor.

Women's 35c Combination Suits. Women's Ribbed Combination Suits, low neck and long sleeves, tight knee. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 25c

Extra sizes, 29c 36-inch Black Charmeuse, yard. \$1.15

7c Handkerchiefs, 6 for 21c Ladies' or Children's Shamrock Lawns, 1 corner embroidered; nice, sheer quality. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 21c

5c Envelopes, 2 Packs for 5c White wave commercial size. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 5c

30c Black Sateen 36-inch Black Sateen, medium weight and very lustrous finish. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 18c

39c Stamped Corset Covers. Stamped ready-made Corset Covers; fine French nain-sook. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 25c

39c to 50c Infants' Shirts. Infants' Fine Merino Shirts; open down front; silk stitched. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 19c

Petticoats \$1 to \$2 Values. Including jersey tops, fine satens and luster cloths; many have fitted tops, full-pleated flounce and circular flare effects; all colors and black. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 65c

50c Baby Blankets. Fancy Baby Blankets; several different animal and nursery patterns, in pink and blue. From 9 to 12 o'clock. 38c

Children's Wash Dresses. Values Up to \$4.00

98c

1.50 House Dresses 95c

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Our Spring Silk and Dress Goods Sale

Which Started Today and Continues All Week Records the Greatest Day's Business We Have Ever Had in These Two Departments

Thousands of women took advantage today of the wonderful economies presented in this sale and we feel confident that there never was a greater response to any similar sale ever inaugurated in Washington. Remember, every yard of Silk and Dress Goods that we sell is absolutely guaranteed.

If you were not here today let nothing deter you from being here tomorrow to reap the benefits of these special economies.

\$1.50 40-Inch All-Silk Crepe de Chine, Yard. 95c

Every Wanted Color and Black

An announcement that should pack our silk department from store opening till closing time. These are positively all pure silk, with a genuine crepe de chine weave; soft, heavy and durable, and absolutely perfect in every respect. The color range includes myrtle, plum, copper, tete de negre, wistaria, mals, light blue, olive, flesh, brown, seal, helio, American beauty, Newport tan, sand, old rose, turquoise, Belgian blue, prune, taupe, nile, navy, pink, peacock, Delaware peach, white, ivory, cream and black.

\$1.75 40-Inch Black Charmeuse, yard. \$1.15

A very heavy quality and finished with a rich satin face; in shades of Mals, Light Blue, Pink, Ivory, Olive, Brown, Old Rose, Helio, Nite, Delaware Peach, Tete de Negre, Royal Blue, Wistaria, Navy, Myrtle and Black.

\$2 40-Inch All-silk Crepe Meteor, yard \$1.50

A crepe black and satin face; all pure silk material; soft and beautifully finished in 50 wanted shades for street and evening gowns.

\$2.00 40-Inch Black Crepe de Chine, \$1.50

A pure silk; very heavy quality; soft and durable; perfect crepe black. Regular \$2 quality, \$1.50.

\$1.00 French Serge, 70c. Extra fine; 44 inches wide; in Sand, Putty, Battleship, Belgian Blue, Navy, Red, Myrtle, Green, Reseda, Brown, Cream and Black. 79c

\$2.00 Cravenette Covert, \$1.69. 36 inches wide; in the new Putty, Sand and Oxford; sand, drunk, silk proof and waterproof; one new fabric for Suits, Skirts or Coats or spring wear. Yard. \$1.69

\$2.50 Spring Suitings, \$1.99. 40-inch New Spring Suitings. In the much wanted weaves, such as Gabardine, Popline, Lattice, Panama, Coverts, and others in all the new spring shades. Yard. \$1.98

\$1.00 36-Inch Striped Chiffon, Taffeta and Messaline. Light and dark grounds, with white stripes, pin, pencil and space sizes. From 1 to 5 o'clock. 8th St. Annex. 69c

59c Stamped Petticoats. Stamped, ready-made Petticoats; fine French nain-sook. From 1 to 5 o'clock. Art Dept. 39c

Princess Slips. Worth to \$2.00. Elaborately trimmed with deep empire; headed with ribbon and heading or lace trim. From 1 to 5 o'clock. Third Floor. 95c

Children's Colored Dresses. Worth 50c to \$1.00. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Percale, chambray and gingham. Effect and belt styles. 1 to 5 o'clock. Third Floor. 39c

Brocade Silk Crepe Negliges. Values Up to \$2.00 \$1.00

A lot of unusual beauty. For 1 by 1 at an undergarment which enables us to say \$1.00 for choice. Made in empire style with white organdy collar and cuffs. All shades and sizes. Lansburgh & Bro.—Third Floor.

\$7.00 9x12-Foot Wool Fiber Rugs \$5.95

Colors are green, olive and red combinations; well made and closely woven; 60x90 and 90x120 sizes and regular \$7.00 value for tomorrow's sale. Lansburgh & Bro.—Fourth Floor.

Our Opening Special TRIMMED HATS, \$5.00

\$7.50 to \$10.00 Values at \$5.00

Comprising new and up-to-the-minute models in hemp and horsehair braids, many with transparent brims.

STYLES are the New Pokes, Narrow and Wide Brim Sailors, Mushroom Shapes and a wonderful assortment of the Close-fitting Turbans.

TRIMMINGS are the New Checkerboard Ribbons and Silks, Quills, Wings, Military Pansies, Appliqued Flowered Effects, Pearl and Steel Buckles, and a vast variety of

Ostrich Trimmed Models

Opening Special \$3 Shepherdess Bands, \$1.29

A graceful trimming, made of good malle stock and long flues; in all the leading shades; also black and white; for the new shepherdess hats.

Opening Special 50c Flower Trimmings, 25c

Composing all kinds of small flowers and natural roses so much in demand for this season's trimmings.

50c to 75c Solid Steel Scissors. 29c

Made of good solid steel in all sizes. 3 to 6 inches.

Community Spool Silk 100-yd. spools; all the best shades Spool, 5c

Limit, 1 dozen to a customer.

19c Snap Tape; black or white. Yard. 10c

15c Hairpin Cabinets. 5c

10c Corset Stays; all styles. 5c

25c Dragon Spool Cotton. Dozen. 18c

25c Summer-weight Dress Shields, for kidmonos. 19c

15c Light-weight guaranteed Shield & Pair. 10c

35c 260-count English Pins, 3 papers for. 10c

5c Cotton Belting; all widths. Yard. 3c

3c Gold-eye Sewing Needles; all numbers. Paper. 1c

15c 6-yard Pieces Beading. Piece. 10c

25c and 50c Shirt-waist Edging, 6-yard pieces. 15c

10c Lingerie Tape; pink, white or blue. Piece. 5c

50c 100-yard 2-pieces. 9c

3c 400-count Dress-makers' Pins, 3 papers for. 5c

10c Black Skirt Braid. Piece. 5c

3c Rustproof Saddle Hooks and Eyes. 1c

25c Human Hair Nets; cap or auto. 25c

for. 7 1/2c

Binding. Piece. 7 1/2c

5c Asbestos Iron Hold-ers, 3 for. 5c

15c Girde For. 10c